ABSTRACT

An iterative equalization process uses a reduced complexity equalizer as a first stage in the equalization process and a reduced alphabet MLSE equalizer as a later stage. The reduced complexity equalizer is used to identify a reduced alphabet including symbols having a higher probability of representing an actual transmitted symbol. The reduced alphabet is then used as the alphabet for the reduced alphabet MLSE equalizer.

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